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MINUTES.

According to appointment, the Cold Water Baptist Association met with the State Line Baptist Church, in DeSoto County, Mississippi, on Friday, October 19, 1860.

Elder W. C. Crane (the appointee) being absent, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder John Harris, from Ephesians, 6th chapter, 10th and 11th verses, inculcating the necessity of a correct faith on the part of all who would become the true followers of Christ; and then, as soldiers of the cross, the importance of their having on the whole armor of God.

After a short recess for refreshments, the delegates from the churches assembled in the house of worship, when a hymn of praise was sung, and the body engaged in prayer, led by Elder C. B. Young.

The former Moderator (W. C. Crane) being absent, Bro. Stephen D. Johnston was called to preside over the body during the process of organization.

Elders J. L. Cross and E. D. Miller were appointed reading clerks, by whom all the letters from the churches that were presented were read.

The delegates' names were enrolled and statistics of the churches noted down as seen in the statistical table hereinafter inserted.

The Association having been informed that delegates from some of the churches had arrived in advance of their church letters accrediting their appointment, on motion of Elder James Dennis they were allowed the privilege of voting in the election of officers for the Association.

The Association was then constitutionally organized by the election of Bro. Stephen D. Johnston, Moderator, and Jobe Harral, Clerk.

The Moderator elect, upon taking his seat, returned his thanks to the Association in a brief and appropriate manner, for the honor, trust and confidence conferred upon him, and then announced the Association ready for business.

On motion, ministering brethren of our faith and order were cordially invited to seats and to a participation in our deliberations. Accepted by Elder J. J. Berryman.

An opportunity was then offered for the reception of new churches by the call for petitionary letters, when the Eudora Baptist Church presented a letter and delegates, and being orthodox and orderly, she was received and recognized by the Moderator

giving to her delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

Called for letters and messengers from corresponding bodies, when Elder J. J. Sawyer, messenger from Panola Association, Elders J. L. Cross, Reuben Day, F. M. Freeman and Matthew Lyon. messengers from Big Hatchie Association, and Elder Louis Ball, messenger from Chickasaw Association, were recognized, invited to seats and to all the customary privileges.

Elder E. C. Eager was recognized as a messenger from the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, and also as the agent of the Bible Revision Association.

On motion of Elder James Dennis, the following committees were appointed:

On Arrangement of Preaching, the pastor and deacons of State Line Church.

On the Order of Business, Elders B. B. Buchanon, James Dennis and C. B. Young. On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added.

Elder E. D. Miller moved the appointment of a committee to prepare an answer to the following query from Holly Springs Church:

"If a Baptist minister's wife should voluntarily leave and refuse to live with him, after giving him and his friends written statements justifying him entirely from being the cause thereof, and if he obtains a divorce, and his Association investigates and approves his conduct in all the premises, and he then marries again, and his church, since said marriage, and having a knowledge thereof, gives him a church letter in usual form and full fellowship, and if the whole ministerial life (thirty years) of this man has been orderly and useful, save the above facts, do they contain a sufficient reason why we should not receive his church letter and extedd to him all the courtesies due to a Baptist minister?"

When Elders John Harris, James M. Rodgers, M. H. Renfro, C. B. Young and Bro. T. H. Smith were appointed, and on a motion to add Elder E. D. Miller to the committee, he was excused by the Association from such service.

On motion of Elder James Dennis, Elder E. C. Eager was allowed and invited to address the Association on the subject of revision of the Scriptures, at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning.

A motion to adjourn was then submitted by Elder James Dennis and adopted. A hymn was sung, prayer offered by Elder E. D. Miller, and benediction pronounced by Elder John Harris, when the Association was declared by the Moderator adjourned until Saturday morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met according to adjournment—the Moderator and Clerk present. Sung a hymn, and prayer was offered by Elder M. H. Renfro.

The minutes of Friday were read and corrected.

The call for correspondence was renewed, when a letter from Chickasaw Association was received and read, and the bearers, Elders Elias Rodgers and A. H. Boothe were recognized as messengers from that body and cordially invited to seats and all the privileges usually extended.

Elder Jeremiah Burns was also recognized as a messenger from Big Hatchie Association, and this aged soldier of the cross greeted with a warm and hearty welcome into our midst, and affectionately invited to participate with us in our deliberations.

On motion of Elder James Dennis, Elder A. H. Boothe was recognized as the Agent for the Foreign Missionary Board.

Called for report of committee on the Arrangement of Business for the Association, when the following was presented which was received and adopted as the

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call names of delegates and mark absentees.
2. Read the constitution and rules of decorum.
3. Call for reports of messengers to corresponding bodies.
4. Appoint delegates to correponding bodies.
5. Appoint a Financial Committee.
6. Appoint an Obituary Committee.
7. Call for report of Trustees of Associational School.
8. Call for report of committee on query from Holly Springs Church.
9. Call for report of committee to visit Pleasant Hill Church.
10. Call for report on Foreign Missions.
11. Call for pledges for Domestic Missions.
12. Answer the query from Pleasant Grove Church.
13. Call for report of Executive Board.
14. Call for report on Ministerial Education.
15. Appoint an Executive Board.
16. Notice the call for a more efficient organization of the Executive Board.
17. Call for the report of the Clerk on Correspondence with H. F. Buckner.
18. Call for report on Indian Missions.
19. Call for pledges to sustain a Missionary among the Chickasaw Indians.
20. Call for Treasurer's report.
21. Appoint a Treasurer.
22. Call for report on Home Missions.
23. Call for report on Bible Cause.
24. Call for report of Financial Committee.
25. Appoint a committee to write Corresponding Letter.
26. Call for report on Religious Instruction of the Colored Population.
27. Call for report on Temperance.
28. Appoint Standing Committees.

29. Call for report on Sabbath Schools.
30. Call for report of Obituary Committee.
31. Appoint the place for the next Association.
32. Appoint some minister to preach the Introductory Sermon.
33. Notice the request of Philadelphia Church.
34. Call for report of Committee on Correspondence.
35. Call for Resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

B. B. BUCHANON, *Ch'n.*

Called the names of delegates and marked absentees.

Called for letters from churches not represented on Saturday, when a letter and delegates were received from Nonconnah Church. Letter read and delegates' names entered on the Clerk's list.

On motion, suspended the order to allow Elder M. Lyon to present and have read a letter from Elder J. S. Murrow to this Association, in which he entreats that the Association will continue the employment of an interpreter for Elder J. D. Bemo, the native Missionary to the Seminole Indians, when, on motion of Elder James Dennis, the letter and matter were laid on the table.

Resumed business.

Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

Called for reports of messengers to corresponding bodies.

To the Chickasaw Association, attendance reported by Elder W. A. Anthony.

To the Big Hatchie Association, attendance reported by Elders C. B. Young and James Dennis, and Bro. Jobe Harral.

To the Yalobusha Association, no attendance reported.

To the Panola Association, attendance reported by Elder C. B. Young.

To the Baptist State Convention, no attendance reported.

To the General Association of North Mississippi, attendance reported by Elder James Dennis.

Appointed delegates to corresponding bodies.

To Chickasaw Association: Elders W. A. Anthony, C. B. Young, James M. Rodgers and John Harris, and brethren A. Paslay, T. H. Smith, R. A. Moore, J. F. Harris and William Haynes. Association to meet with the Cherry Creek Church, Pontotoc county, Mississippi, on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in September, 1861.

To Big Hatchie Association, Elders James Dennis, John L. Brown, C. B. Young, W. A. Anthony, John Harris, James M. Rodgers, E. D. Miller and B. B. Buchanon, and brethren W. S. Taylor, Jobe Harral, T. H. Smith, R. A. Moore, J. D. Kilgrove, J. C. Droke, P. P. Slayden, Fleming Moseley, J. J. Milam, S. D. Johnston, Jno. Maxville and A. H. Bell. Association to meet with the Beal Street Baptist Church, in Memphis, on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1861.

To Yalobusha Association: Elders W. A. Anthony, C. B. Young and James M. Rodgers, and brethren N. L. Wilson, T. H. Smith,

J. W. Sumner and W. A. Hill. Association to meet with the —— Church, sixteen miles east of Grenada, on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1861.

To the Panola Association: Elders C. B. Young, Wm. Wooten, W. A. Anthony and M. H. Renfro, and brethren Moses Echols, M. E. Jackson, J. J. Milam and T. H. Smith. Association to meet with the Baptist Church at Water Valley, on the Mississippi Central Railroad, on Friday before the second Sabbath in Oct., 1861.

To the Baptist State Convention: Elders E. D. Miller, B. B. Buchanon, John Harris and J. J. Berryman, and Bro. B. Sugg. Convention to meet with the Macon Baptist Church, on the line of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in May, 1861.

To the General Association of North Mississippi: Elder John Harris, James Dennis, T. P. Manning, M. H. Renfro and C. B. Young, and brethren W. S. Taylor, C. A. Blackmon, J. W. Sumner, T. H. Smith, John Maxville, S. D. Johnston and Jobe Harral. Association to meet with the Grenada Baptist Church, on Friday before the first Sabbath in November, 1860.

On motion of Elder B. B. Buchanon, suspended the order to solicit contributions to be applied to the purposes of the General Association of North Mississippi, which resulted in a collection of $83 05.

Resumed the order of business.

Appointed a Financial Committee, consisting of brethren C. A. Blackmon, A. H. Bell and M. E. Jackson.

Appointed Bro. H. F. Buchanon, and Elder T. P. Manning, as an Obituary Committee.

Called for Report of Trustees of Associational School, when the following was read, received and adopted as the

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF COLD WATER BAPTIST FEMALE SEMINARY.

The Trustees of the Cold Water Baptist Female Seminary, beg leave to offer the following as their Annual Report.

The last Session of the Institution closed with a public examination, which occurred on the 27th, 28th and 29th days of June. We were present during the exercises, which were attended by a large concourse of spectators, and the various classes, without exception, so acquitted themselves, as to satisfy all present, that the most marked attention had been given by the young ladies to their various studies during the session, and that no pains had been spared by the devoted and untiring Principal of the Institution, in properly training and developing their minds.

Classes were examined in Reading, English Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, Composition, History, Rhetoric, Botany, English Analysis, Chemistry, Algebra, Geometry, and in the Latin and Greek Languages.

The present Session opened on the first Monday in September last with an increased number of Boarders and Day pupils over the last Session, and there has been a steady increase to the present time. The Principal, Bro. Wm. I. Berryman, is aided by a full and competent corps of Teachers, among whom is Elder Jno. J. Berryman, a graduate of Columbian College, of ripe scholarship and of long experience as a Teacher. The prospects of the School

are very flattering, and seem to lack nothing but the full confidence and fostering care of this Association.

With respect to the financial condition of the Seminary, we have to report that at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, a resolution was adopted directing the property to be sold; whereupon, Bro. Jas. L. Mabrey, relying upon the liberality of the Chulahoma Church and the surrounding country, entered into bond and security for the payment of $1000,00 with interest, from the first day of October, 1858, until paid. And Brother Wm. A. Anthony, pledging the Association for the remainder, executed a bond for the same, with interest, from the first of October, 1858, until paid, thereby releasing the Institution from its embarrassments, and placing it on a firm foundation. Of the amounts pledged by different Churches and individuals, some $230 have been paid to the Treasurer of the Board. We have not, up to the present time ascertained certainly the amount of the outstanding indebtedness of the Institution, but think, that after all the subscriptions which have been taken are paid in, there will be a deficit of some $1300.

In conclusion, we would again invite your attention to the encouraging prospects of the School, and would urge upon you to give it your patronage, as we believe it in every respect to be worthy of it.

WM. I. BERRYMAN, *Secretary.* WM. A. ANTHONY, *Prest. of Board of Trustees.*

The Association having been informed that Elder W. Wooten, had resigned his position as Trustee of the Associational School, on motion of Elder E. D. Miller his resignation was accepted, and the vacancy in the Board filled by the election of Bro. Wilson Durram.

Called for Report of Committee on Query from Holly Springs Church; Report received and adopted. Elder James Dennis then moved that the Report be reconsidered by the Association, on which motion the yeas and nays were called for, resulting yeas 16, nays 14. The Report being again before the body for rejection or adoption, animated speeches were made by Elders James Dennis, Jeremiah Burns and J. L. Cross, but the hour of 11 having arrived, the discussion and business of the Association were suspended, to listen to a discourse from Elder E. C. Eager, on the subject of revision. Elder Eager then occupied the pulpit two hours, engaging the earnest attention of the Association and audience, by the ability with which he exposed the errors and contradictions of "King James' version of the Bible," and urged with great earnestness the importance of having the pure and unadulterated Word of God translated from the Hebrew and Greek into the English language, in order to our correct understanding of it—concluding with an appeal for assistance to carry on the laudable work of revision and correct translation, when $18 15 in cash and pledges were contributed.

The Association was then declared by the Moderator adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Benediction by Elder Jeremiah Burns.

SATURDAY EVENING, TWO O'CLOCK.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Opened with singing, and prayer by Elder Elias Rodgers.

Resumed the suspended business of the body, when Elder W. L. Coopwood moved that the report of the committee be laid on the table indefinitely. The proposition to lay on the table was rejected—yeas 14, nays 15—the Moderator giving the casting vote. The discussion was then resumed, in which several participated, when the report was adopted by an almost unanimous vote of the Association as their

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERY FROM HOLLY SPRINGS CHURCH.

Your committee, to whom was referred the task of preparing an answer to the query as set forth in the letter from Holly Springs Church, beg leave to report: That if a brother put away his wife (save for fornication) he doth wrong; and if he marrieth another, he committeth adultery. Any brother guilty of said act, although he has a letter from a sister church, should not be received into any other Baptist church.

Respectfully submitted, B. B. BUCHANON, *Ch'n.*

Committee appointed to visit Pleasant Hill Church reported that they had been prevented by circumstances they could not easily control, from making a satisfactory examination in regard to the spiritual condition of her members, but that the church desired to be kept in correspondence with the Association for at least another year, which was agreed to.

Suspended the order to extend the invitation to visiting ministers of our faith and order to seats with us. Accepted by Elder B. F. Thomas.

On motion, suspension of the order continued, to allow Elder Elias Rodgers to address the Association fifteen minutes—which time was consumed by him in an appeal for assistance to pay for a Baptist house of worship at Corinth. Twenty-six dollars and eighty cents were contributed for that purpose.

Resumed the order, by calling for the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. Report received, and, on the motion to adopt, Elder A. H. Boothe made a stirring address in behalf of foreign missions, pleading for substantial help to carry the Gospel to the perishing heathen. Contributions in cash and pledges, amounting to $23 75 were made, when the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions assume that there is no question among us here as to the warrant from Holy Writ to prosecute this great work. If so, this warrant is the first word of the commission of the Son of God—"Go." The field is also plainly designated—"ALL THE WORLD." There may be difference of opinion as to the *manner* of "going," but as to the fact there can be none. He who opposes the fact, has read the New Testament to but little purpose; has never, in his mind, followed Paul and Barnabas from Antioch, in Syria, through every province and to nearly every city in the Roman empire.

These are model missionaries. There is combined in them everything that makes man great—learning, zeal, untiring energy and eminent piety. No one is fitted for this great work now, without these characteristics. It is an oversight in either churches or missionary boards to send out any others.

In such a report as this, the destitute millions of earth rise up before us in one long, dark line of misery and despair. For them there is no hope aside from the Gospel of the Son of God. "For there is none other name" than Jesus "under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." The idolater has his part in "the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone." All who die without faith in Jesus Christ, inevitably perish. There are near *six hundred millions* of our race to-day without the Gospel, and consequently without the knowledge of the blessed Jesus. They are suspended by the brittle thread of life over an unquenchable flame! Painful thought!

What have we done to preach Jesus to this vast perishing multitude? What will we do?

It is true much has been done for the heathen world since the sailing of Dr. Carey and John Thomas in 1793. The Bible has been translated into many Oriental languages, and Jesus preached to millions. Since then, too, many devoted missionaries have gone to receive their reward. Others have taken their places, and still others have been added, till this year finds the work greatly extended and strengthened.

In China we have two stations, Canton and Shanghai. At Canton we have five missionaries—at Shanghai twelve. Northern and English Baptist missionaries of course, are not included in this report.

The work is much retarded in consequence of external and internal war. Yet the labor of the missionaries is not in vain. "Nine have been baptized by Bro. Garland, including two households, and four by Bro. Graves." These brethren are laboring faithfully. They have distributed about two millions of pages of religious matter and many New Testaments and parts of it in their tours during the year in and around Canton. What has been done at Shanghai we are not informed.

In Africa we have eight stations—Yoruba, Lajas, Abeokuta, Ijaye, Awyau, Liberia; and Freetown and Waterloo, in Sierra Leone. Two of these stations are vacant—Yoruba and Abeokuta. We have but ten missionaries in Africa. These stations are attended with great mortality. How the work is progressing in Africa we are not particularly informed.

We have, in addition to these, two new fields—Brazil and Japan—and three young brethren have been appointed for Japan, who will soon be upon their field of labor. These new appointments, which all must say are right, call for increased liberality. In every Southern State, excepting one or two, the Board, at Richmond, has an agent to solicit contributions to carry on this great work.

We did tolerably well last year, but ought still to do a little better. Some of the States have made large contributions for foreign missions. Mississippi is credited $1,827 29, while Alabama is credited $7,426 10. This is too great a difference. There are 40,870 Baptists in Mississippi. Her contributions to foreign missions last year did not amount to five cents apiece. This speaks disparagingly of our benevolence. Is there not more than five cents difference between Missionary and Anti-Missionary Baptists? I think if we were better acquainted with the real condition of the heathen world, that we would be more alive to our duty in sending them the "bread of life," and in sustaining the men of God in their midst. We must know their wants before we will give with our hearts lifted in prayer to God to bless them for the Great Redeemer's sake. The best source to obtain this knowledge is through the Home and Foreign Journal, and The Commission—both published in Richmond, Va., one at twenty-five cents and the other at one dollar per annum.

What will we do? This great question each must answer for himself or herself. Only let us *do* quickly—for soon the present generation of heathen men and women will be in eternity. Shall they go without hearing of the glorious sufferer of Calvary—the world's only hope?

E. D. MILLER, *Ch'n.*

Called for pledges for Domestic Missions, when the following were made by the Churches:

Chulahoma	$10	Pleasant Grove	$10
Hernando	40	Liberty Hill	10
State Line	10	Carolina	10
County Line	25	Mount Zion	10
Union	20	McIver's Creek	15
Cold Water, if one Miss'ny,	10	New Hope	10
Cold Water, if two "	15	Beech Grove, if one Misn'y,	5
Lebanon	15	Beech Grove, if two "	10

Called for an answer to the following query from Pleasant Grove Church:

QUERY.

Would a minister from an Association with which we correspond, be entitled to a seat in this body as a delegate from one of the Churches composing this Association, and of which he may be the pastor or supply?

After some discussion, the Association decided to answer that such minister, under such circumstances, would not be entitled to a seat in this body.

Elder C. B. Young submitted a motion to adjourn, which was agreed to. After singing, prayer was made by Elder E. C. Eager, benediction pronounced by Elder E. D. Miller, and the Association was adjourned by the Moderator until Monday morning at half-past eight o'clock.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

As arranged by the Committee on Preaching, the pulpit in the house was occupied by Elder Lewis Ball, commencing at 9 o'clock in the morning, and enlisting the attention of the congregation for one and a half hours by an interesting discourse based on the 1st Psalm. After a short recess, the people were again drawn together by singing a hymn of praise, when the annual missionary sermon was preached by Elder E. D. Miller, from Matthew. 9th chapter, 37th and 38th verses: "Then saith he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." The speaker proceeded to show that as yet of the one thousand millions of human beings now dwelling on the earth, but a small portion had become genuine converts to Christianity, and that consequently there existed still the obligation and necessity of Christians adopting the prayer embraced in the text and making it the litany of the churches; but that the churches were in some measure prevented from doing so in consequence of a criminal want of preparation on their part to receive and sustain such laborers when sent. Long will the burning words of the preacher be remembered as he counseled attention by all Christians to the many voices that come ladened with calls upon their charity for

the bread of life. At the conclusion of the sermon a public collection was taken for the benefit of missions, amounting to $21 95.

Elder A. H. Boothe occupied the pulpit at the stand at the same hour, where a public collection was also taken for the same purpose, amounting to $30 75—$5 45 of which was specially donated to foreign missions. The congregations were then dismissed until 2 o'clock, P. M.

After ample refreshments, provided in great abundance for all on the ground, the people were again assembled at the house and stand, and heard the story of the cross from Elders J. F. Freeman and Lewis Ball who were appointed to occupy the pulpits in the evening, which closed the labors of the day.

MONDAY MORNING, 8½ O'CLOCK.

The Association met at the appointed hour, the Moderator in the chair. A hymn was sung, and prayer was made by Elder J. L. Brown.

Called the names of delegates.

The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

Called for report of Executive Board. Not ready and passed over.

Appointed the following brethren as the Executive Board: T. Walker, C. A. Blackmon, R. S. Flinn, Custis Forte, W. A. Jones, E. J. Crutcher, P. Boulaná, M. A. Thornton, G. Robinson, William Maxville, R. A. Moore, J. W. Sumner, J. C. Calicoat, J. J. Milam, R. S. Greer, N. L. Wilson, W. W. Smith, P. P. Slayden, A. Paslay, J. F. Walker, F. Mitchell, J. D. Nichols and J. G. Jackson.

Called for notice of proposition to more efficiently organize the Executive Board of the Association, when Elder James Dennis moved that the Board be allowed the privilege of appointing an Executive Committee, to consist of such number as the Board shall choose, which committee shall direct the movements of the missionary and report quarterly to the Board, or as often as it shall direct, and that the Board shall report to the Association in the usual manner. And further, that the Board shall have the power to dissolve its committee at any time and appoint another.

Bro. J. W. Sumner offered the following as an amendment to the motion of Elder Dennis: That the Association appoint the Executive Committee, instead of committing such appointment to the Board.

Amendment rejected, and the motion of Elder James Dennis adopted by the body.

Called for report of Clerk on correspondence with H. F. Buckner, when the Bro. Clerk reported that he had written to Elder Buckner inquiring if a native missionary to the Chickasaw Indians could be procured, but as yet had not received any answer; which was accepted and the inquiry ordered continued.

Called for report on Indian Missions, when the following was received and adopted as read:

REPORT ON INDIAN MISSIONS.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Indian Missions, beg leave to submit the following: Among the many nations to whom we are sending the Gospel, there are none who have stronger claims on our charity for the bread of life than the Chickasaw Indians. We occupy their lands where once they lived a free and independent people, and where now lie buried their ancestors. It can scarcely be called an act of charity on our part to send the Gospel to all the red sons of the forest. We have usurped their homes and driven them weeping from the land of their fathers. It is for us to see that those tears do not "scorch our honey-flowing soil," by discharging the obligation that rests on us as a people to send them the pure word of life. And we are encouraged to do so from the fact that no where in the wide world has a heathen people been found so ready to receive the Gospel as the Indians; and no where else has it been preached with the same success, according to the amount of labor performed and the amount of means expended. Therefore,

Resolved, That we sustain a native missionary among the Chickasaw Indians, if a sum sufficient for the purpose can be raised and such missionary can be found.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES DENNIS, *Ch'n.*

Suspended the order, to allow Elder A. H, Boothe to enquire what disposition the Association will make of the public collection on Sabbath; when an equal division of the same was made, excepting the special contribution of $5 45 and ordered applied equally between Foreign and Domestic Missions.

Resumed the order by calling for pledges to sustain a native missionary among the Chickasaw Indians. Postponed until the afternoon, to allow delegates to be present who are now absent.

Treasurer reported as follows, and report received and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

JOBE HARRAL, *Treasurer*,

To COLD WATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, *Dr.*

1859.—Cash, public collection on Sabbath	$67 45	
Cash of Financial Committee	83 00	
Cash of Wm. Joiner for Domestic Missions	10 00	
		$160 45

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1859.—Paid former Treasurer, Bro. W. O. Mabry, balance due him, by order of Association	$ 3 15	
Paid Bro. A. H. Boothe for Foreign Missions, part of collection on Sabbath	36 20	
Paid Bro. J. W. Sumner, President of Executive Board, for Domestic Missions, part of collection on Sabbath,	31 25	
Paid Hutton & Clark for printing 800 copies Minutes	59 85	
Paid Clerk's fee	20 00	
1860.—Paid J. W. Sumner for Domestic Missions, am't collected of Wm. Joiner	10 00	
		$160 45

Respectfully submitted,

JOBE HARRAL, *Clerk.*

Committee on Domestic Missions reported, and report received and adopted:

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Committee on Domestic Missions beg leave to report: Owing to the absence of our missionary at the last regular meeting of the Executive Board, we are totally deprived of any statistical information. We feel, therefore, constrained to represent the wants of ministerial labor in the destitute bounds of the Cold Water Association. The church at North Mt. Pleasant is destitute of Sabbath or other preaching, either from an indisposition on the part of the membership to reward ministerial service, or a lack of pecuniary ability. To the latter opinion we are strongly inclined. We therefore recommend the fostering care of this feeble body to the Association. It is an important point, and should be carefully guarded and by all means sustained.

Two prominent stations have been regularly occupied during the past year with good results, by brethren Anthony and Wilson, acting as voluntary missionaries. A large portion of territory, stretching from Center Hill to Senatobia, De Soto county, is destitute of Baptist preaching, except the station at Robertson's Cross Roads. We know not whether this station is occupied by our missionary. We are without information of the existence of a single church or station in the county of Tunica, but rellable information has been received by your committee that if a missionary of proper qualifications were sent amongst them they would pay the whole expenses. With such kind assurances we earnestly recommend this growing population, so rapidly increasing in wealth, to the kind attention of your body, well aware, if not occupied by Baptists, that other denominations will take action and soon possess the land. Your committee, therefore, refer these important facts to the report of our missionary. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. A. ANTHONY, *Ch'n D. Mis.*

Called for report of Committee on Bible Cause. Committee absent and none presented.

Called for report of Committee on Finances. Committee absent, and passed over.

Appointed Elder E. D. Miller Committee on Correspondence.

Committee on Religious Instruction of Colored Population reported. Report received and adopted as read.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF COLORED POPULATION.

Your Committee on Religious Instruction of Colored Population begs leave to report, that your committee, at our last annual meeting, so clearly, forcibly and appropriately set forth the relative position and duties of masters to servants, in all of its varied bearings, that your present committee does not know how better to excite a feeling of permanent interest on this subject than to refer you back to the minutes of our last Association, and ask a careful perusal of the essay on this subject.

That this is a subject of the greatest vital importance, and one which should excite the deepest sympathetic feeling of every heart, no one present will pretend to deny. This is a matter which partakes too much of our own existence and approaches too near our firesides to be treated with levity or unconcern. It is a matter which involves the soul of man—that vital spark which must assist in illuminating the courts of heaven, or seek an abode with demons damned to all eternity. Then how can we estimate the value of an immortal soul? Can we enter eternity and snatch from its rolling ages the soul, and estimate its priceless value? Brethren, what is your experience? Let your souls speak. What would you take for the hope (though ever so faint) that you have of a blissful Immortality beyond the grave? Is Jesus precious to your souls? is he the chief among ten thousand, and the one altogether lovely? Is his righteous-

ness more to be desired than wealth, honor, distinction or all the accumulated honors of earth? Then, brethren, allow me to ask, what are we doing for the salvation of our brother man, and especially for those who are placed under our immediate charge? Are we living up to the full discharge of our duties as Christians? and are we doing all in our power for the promotion of Christ's cause? If not, then we will be held to a strict accountability in the day of final reckoning, for our great neglect and sin!

We believe slavery to be an institution of God; and if we are desirous of a blessing following us and this institution, and a protection from all the devices of unprincipled fanatics, let us manifest that degree of interest and that hearty coöperation in God's cause as will best secure His blessing and their salvation. When we look upon their humble position in life, and see them ignorant, unlettered and with no means of instruction except through our instrumentality, does it not make your hearts burn within you at the thought that they have souls of priceless value to be saved or lost? Are we not ready, even now to embark in this glorious enterprise? Or will we, year after year, fold our arms in quiet security and enquire as to the best mode of operation, when we know our duty loudly calls us now? Have we the will? Then there is a way. Why should an article under this head be imposed annually upon our Association to teach *Christians* their duties on this subject? As was suggested by your last committee, there are many ways which we as Christians could adopt in our family circles (apart from our Associational capacity) to bring about a feeling, and under the blessing of God, a deep interest, among our servants. Do we often examine ourselves to see whether we are setting a proper example before them? In a word, are we Christians at home, or are we only Sunday or external Christians — proving ourselves stumbling-blocks not only to them but to every one else? Do we act like Christians? Do we live strict in the observance of our religious duties? Do we observe family dovotion and attendance to divine worship? and is our course such, in the common walks of life as to convince them that there is a reality in the religion we profess? We should not only act as Christians ourselves, but we should endeavor to instruct them correctly in the path of duty when opportunity offers, and correct all misdemeanor or unchristian conduct in them by always showing them the great sin of such a course, and that *sin is always obnoxious* in the sight of a just God. We should see that they go to church, and that they attend regularly where they may obtain proper instruction. In destitute portions of the Association, where churches are not in reach for them to attend services, your committee would suggest that a few neighbors club together and put up a comfortable log house (which can be done at leisure times with but little expense) and if the Association has not provided for them, let them employ a preacher to preach to them at least once a month. Your committee would suggest to the Association the propriety of employing a sufficient number of missionaries, whose duty it shall be to enquire into those destitute localities, and carry into effect the proposed plan.

Your committee would also like to call your attention particularly to those parts of the Association which lie in the Mississippi Bottom, as being very destitute of both churches and preaching. It is becoming very densely populated, with a population mostly colored, who belong to persons residing at a distance, and who would willingly coöperate in building churches and supporting ministers, if there was one sufficiently interested to take hold of the matter. We would therefore suggest that an energetic missionary be procured to serve all of his time in that region, and make it his duty not only to preach but to lend his influence toward the building of churches, which may hereafter be supplied. Your committee is well acquainted with the facts, and feels persuaded that much good could be done in this way.

Now, finally brethren, let us at once be exhorted to action on this subject as one of vital interest and which will not bear procrastination, for death is abroad in the land. Year after year hundreds are falling victims to the devouring scythe of time, and ere another Associational year shall roll around,

many who are now buoyant in health will lie down in the silent embrace of death to try the realities of eternity. Though we may have neglected our duty long and greatly, let us even now buckle on the *whole armor* of God and come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty,

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. TAYLOR, *Ch'n.*

Called for report on Temperance; committee absent and passed over.

Appointed committees to write on the following subjects and report at the next Association:

On Foreign Missions—Elder W. A. Anthony.
On Ministerial Education—Elder James Dennis.
On Home Missions—Elder J. J. Berryman.
On Bible Cause—Elder E. D. Miller.
On Religious Instruction of the Colored Population—Elder C. H. Young.
On Temperance—Bro. C. A. Blackmon.
On Indian Missions—Bro. R. S. Greer.
On Sabbath Schools—Elder B. B. Buchanon.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools respectfully report: The importance of the Sunday School enterprise is conceded by all denominations of Christians; at least by all who are regarded as evangelical. From this, however, we are not to infer that all in those denominations manifest or even feel an interest in the subject; for it is an undeniable fact, with respect to our denomination, that this department of our operations is conducted by comparatively a very small number.

Of the large majority, some care nothing about it, and others, while they admit its utility, think they have discharged their whole duty if they occasionally make their appearance in the Sabbath School as spectators, or *permit* their children to attend once or twice a month.

Many of our churches have no Sunday School; others commence operations in the spring, and as soon as the novelty of the thing passes off, both teachers and pupils become lukewarm. A failure is the consequence, and the cause not only retarded but greatly injured.

Now if it be the mission of the church to convert the world, and her agents, to effect this great work, must continue to be selected from the rising generation, is it in accordance with the Scriptures, is it the part of wisdom, to neglect the early training of those upon whom must be devolved the carrying out of this mighty enterprise?

The world considers it necessary, and acts upon the principle, that men should be early trained, even from their infancy, to fit them to discharge properly the duties of the various spheres in which they may be called to act. The skillful military leader knows well that an ignominious defeat awaits him who, with raw and undisciplined recruits, encounters a well appointed army; thus establishing the fact that it is as true to-day as it was in the time of the Savior, that "the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light."

Solomon said, "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." This precept is as true now as it was when the wise man uttered it; for whilst the ceremonies and fashions of men may have and doubtless will undergo many mutations and changes, human nature always has been and ever will be unchangeably the same.

If, then, the soul is immortal—if early impressions are the most lasting—if the Bible be a revelation from God—if we would have our children early impressed with its sacred truths—if the Sunday School be not only the best but almost the only place where this can be done, is it not the imperative duty of every church to have a Sunday School under its supervision, and of every Christian to see to it that his children attend it, and that he himself give it his aid and countenance directly, by teaching, or indirectly, if he cannot teach, by contributing liberally for the purpose of purchasing Bibles, hymn books, tracts, &c., to be given to the children as stimulants to excite them to renewed diligence in studying and acquiring a knowledge of the Scriptures, that, like Timothy, "they may know them from their youth up?"

In conclusion, your committee would beg leave to offer for your adoption the following resolution:

That it is the duty of every church in the bounds of this Association, wherever practicable, to have a Sunday School under its supervision, to appoint the Superintendent and other officers of the same, and that the Superintendent be required to report its condition, &c., at each monthly meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. I. BERRYMAN, *Ch'n.*

Report received, and, on the motion to adopt, interesting remarks were made by Elders J. Dennis, C. D. Miller and J. F. Freeman, and then the report was adopted with some suggested amendments.

Called for report of Obituary Committee. None required, in consequence of no deaths being reported.

Appointment of the next Association being called for, on motion, allowed the churches in the District entitled to it, to determine where it shall go, and report in the afternoon.

Appointed Elder E. D. Miller to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association.

Called for attention to the request of Philadelphia Church. On motion, postponed until delegates now absent with the Executive Board can come in.

Committee on Temperance reported. Report received and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to report: That the subject becomes a matter of serious concern to all Christians, when we remember that drunkenness is one of the chief sins mentioned in the Bible that shall close the door of heaven against immortal souls. The vice is one that so blunts the moral sensibilities of those involved in its guilt, that they lose all desire for the refined enjoyments, spiritual engagements and exalted society of the heavenly Jerusalem. They have only a taste for the liquid fire that is fast consuming them, and care not for the pure water of the river of God—the stream of which makes glad the inhabitants of the celestial city. And as they are unprepared to become sharers of the inheritance of the saints of light, so the gates of that blissful paradise are forever barred against them. In this world they fill a drunkard's grave, and in the world to come a drunkard's hell!

Does it not become our duty, then, as Christians, to use our utmost exertions to stay the progress of intemperance by arresting the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage? And in the judgment of your committee no instrumentality can so effectually do this as the church of the living God. The "partial pledge" had its day, accomplishing little more with its signers than to change

the whisky glass for the wine glass. Then came the "total abstinence pledge," by which, it is believed and hoped, much good was accomplished, but all know that it failed to accomplish the destruction of intemperance. The order of the Sons of Temperance followed—flourishing for a time, and, as we trust, saving thousands from a drunkard's grave—yet it was but short lived, and has now about breathed its last. Now we have the Good Samaritans, and judging from the past history of the other orders, and the slow progress this one is making, we feel justified in the conclusion that all their efforts in the cause of temperance will also be signalized by a failure. And now, in view of so many failures on the part of others to arrest the fiery flood, is it not full time that the churches were arousing themselves to battle against this enemy to the present and eternal peace of man? Shall we not strive to dry up the awful stream of temporal and eternal death that sends its waves of fire to the hearts and homes of so many thousands of our race, and to drive back the tide of woe and sorrow and wretchedness, whose waves engulf so many helpless and sorrowing women and children? It is high time that we were, by our example, teaching our fellow men to walk in a higher path of life, and breathe a purer atmosphere than is to be found in the use of the wine when it "giveth its color in the cup." The dizzy flood has sometimes even entered the sanctuary and silenced forever the voice that could plead like an angel's the cause of God and man. Under the influence of its withering curse, many a star of genius has shot from its orbit and sunk in the murky shades of eternal night. Many a poor wretch has played with this stream of death until he is now in that condition where hope is standing on tiptoe, with outstretched wings for its flight, and the raven of Despair flapping its black wings in his face, who might even now be saved if the churches were true to their duty in this matter. And now shall we withhold our influence and example when it is so important that we should do all in our power to dry up the fiery flood and save souls from death? God forbid! But may we dash from our neighbor's hand the intoxicating glass, and, by our example, teach him the sweets and blessings of temperance? And for deliverance from troubles common to the lot of man, let us teach him to go to the "Lamb for sinners slain," instead of to the maddening bowl.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. YOUNG.

On motion of Elder James Dennis,

Resolved, That the Association suspend business at eleven o'clock, to hear a sermon preached by Elder E. C. Eager.

Committee to write Corresponding Letter presented the following, which was received and adopted:

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

Cold Water Baptist Association to all the Bodies with whom she Corresponds:

DEAR BRETHREN: In the providence of God we have been permitted to meet in an Association again. Some of our churches have enjoyed revivals of religion. All are at peace. We had one missionary in our bounds the past year. There were added to our churches during the year one hundred and forty by baptism. Our next Association will be held with the Union Baptist Church in Panola County, Mississippi, about seven miles south-east from Como depot, on the Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad. The Association convenes on Friday before the third Sabbath in October, 1861. We desire that our mutual correspondence may be continued. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

E. D. MILLER, *Ch'n.*

The hour of eleven having arrived, the Association was ad-

journed by the Moderator until half-past one o'clock in the afternoon. Benediction by Elder E. D. Miller.

Elder Eager then preached a very interesting sermon, which will doubtless be long remembered by the large audience who heard him, for the earnestness with which it was delivered.

MONDAY EVENING, 1½ O'CLOCK.

Association met at the appointed time, the Moderator in the chair. The body engaged in prayer, led by Elder B. F. Thomas.

Executive Board reported. Report received, and on motion to adopt it, Bro. J. W. Sumner moved that the Missionary's report to the Board be added to and form a part of the Board's report to the Association, which motion was decided by the chair as out of order. After some discussion the report as first received was adopted by an almost unanimous vote of the body.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Board would respectfully represent that at the last session of the Association your Board met and engaged the services of Elder E. B. Eakin as missionary to labor within the bounds of the Cold Water Association for one year, and agreed to give him six hundred dollars, requiring him to confine his labors exclusively to the destitute portions of the Association, requiring him also to make quarterly reports. Owing to sickness and other causes your missionary has not been able fully to comply with the contract. We have paid him for his services three hundred and fifty dollars, at his own request.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. SUMNER, *Ch'n.*

Called for pledges to sustain a native missionary among the Chickasaw Indians. Pledged as follows by the churches:

Hernando, $50; Union, $20; Bethel, $20; Lebanon, $43; Salem, $10; Philadelphia, $25; Carolina, $20; Chulahoma, $25; Center Hill, $20.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

Received for Domestic Missions	$387 50
Received for printing Minutes	76 00
Amounting to	$463 50

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. BLACKMON,
A. H. BELL,
M. E. JACKSON.

Appointed the next meeting of the Association to be with Union Church, Panola County, Mississippi.

Called for attention to the following request of Philadelphia Church:

"DEAR BRETHREN: We do feel that the report of your committee to meet with us and the Liberty Hill Church, to adjust the difficulty that then existed between us, was not sufficiently full; and we desire you to have their original report appended to your Minutes the present session.

On motion of Bro. J. D. Kilgrove, the matter was tabled indefinitely.

Called for resolutions.

RESOLUTION BY T. H. SMITH.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to our Moderator and Clerk for the able and impartial manner in which they have discharged their respective duties during the present session of this body.

Adopted.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION BY ELD. W. L. COOPWOOD.

Whereas a number of the delegates of this Association are dissatisfied with the report of the Executive Committee, believing that we have a right to know what our missionary has been doing, and that it will be of great advantage to the work. Therefore,

Resolved, That the report of the missionary be put in the Minutes of this Association.

On motion of Jobe Harral, the resolution was tabled by nearly the entire vote of the body.

RESOLUTION BY JOBE HARRAL.

Resolved. That Elders E. D. Miller and James Dennis, and Bro. Stephen D. Johnston be and they are hereby constituted a committee to revise the constitution of the Cold Water Baptist Association and report thereon for the action of the next Association, such alterations and amendments as are deemed advisable.

Adopted.

RESOLUTION BY W. I. BERRYMAN.

Resolved. That the Association appoint a General Superintendent of Sabbath Schools, whose duty it shall be to correspond with, and, as far as practicable, visit the different Sabbath Schools in the bounds of this Association, and to whom the Superintendents of Sunday Schools are requested to report the number and condition of such schools, and that he be required to make an annual report of the same to this Association.

Adopted, and Elder James Dennis appointed as such General Superintendent.

RESOLUTION BY ELD. J. M. RODGERS.

Resolved, That we solicit individual pledges to be redeemed at the next Association for the support of our missionary, who shall labor for us during the next year.

Adopted, and the following pledges taken:

T. H. Smith, (paid)	$5 00	James F. Walker	$5 00
J. W. Sumner	10 00	Wm. Hudgins	5 00
J. J. Milam	10 00	C. B. Young	5 00
J. Q. Sandidge	5 00	James Dennis	5 00
Wilson Durram	10 00	Moses Echols	5 00
A. Paslay	10 00	G. L. Scott	5 00
C. A. Blackmon	10 00	Philadelphia Church	5 00
M. A. Thornton	5 00	Peach Creek Church	10 00
J. W. Hays	5 00	Hopewell Church	5 00
J. G. Jackson	2 50	M. E. Jackson	1 00
E. Garrett	2 50	M. Garrett	1 00

Mrs. Clemens	5 00	Mrs. Hildebrand	5 00
J. D. Kilgrove, (paid)	1 00	Centre Hill Church	15 00
Wm. Haynes	2 50	John Harris	5 00
A. Blackbourne	5 00		

RESOLUTION OF T. H. SMITH.

Resolved, That this Association tender to State Line Church and the citizens in her vicinity, their heartfelt thanks for the kind hospitality extended to delegates and messengers during this session of our body.

Adopted.

On motion of Elder C. B. Young, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Association, the revision and correction of the English Scriptures, as now begun by the American Bible Union and the Bible Revision Association, is the great religious enterprise of the age.

Resolved, That we cordially commend the Agent of the Bible Revision Association, now in our midst, Elder E. C. Eagor, of Clinton, Mississippi, to the Christian regards and liberal contributions of all who love the pure word of God.

Resolved, That we recommend all, and our brethren especially, to make themselves life members by subscribing $30; payable in three or six equal annual instalments; or Life Directors, by subscribing $100, payable in two, four or five equal annual instalments; also, to procure the permanent Documentary History of the American Bible Union, bound in three volumes, price $1 50 per volume, by mail, postage pre-paid; and the History of the Translation of the Bible into the English Language by Mrs. Conant, price $1 25, postage prepaid, by mail.

Resolved, That we recommend each church of our Association to take up a collection for the revision cause each year, and send the same to our Treasurer, to be forwarded by him to the Agent of the State, Elder E. C. Eager, at Clinton, Hinds County, Miss.

Resolved, That we now appoint some one to preach on that subject at our next Association, to be followed by a collection for the revision cause, and that the same course be adopted each year, until the revision of the English Scriptures, as now commenced, shall have been completed, provided the course pursued shall continue such as to meet with our approbation.

Elder J. J. Berryman was then appointed to preach a sermon on the subject of the revision and correction of the English Scriptures, at our next Association, on Sabbath morning at 9 o'clock.

RESOLUTION BY ELD. JAMES DENNIS.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association have printed eight hundred copies of the Minutes of this session of the body, and that he have them deposited at the commission house of Brown, Owen & Co., Memphis, Tennessee, for distribution, and that he receive for his services the sum of twenty dollars.

Adopted.

The minutes of to-day were read and approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Elder W. A. Anthony, and adopted.

After some very appropriate closing remarks by the Moderator and Elder James Dennis, the Association adjourned, with prayer, to meet with the Union Baptist Church in Panola County, Mississippi, on Friday before the third Lord's day in October, 1861.

Thus closed one of the most harmonious sessions ever held by

the Cold Water Association; and while the parting hymn was being sung, tears of Christian affection were freely shed and the farewell hand extended in full confidence that, if they meet not again in this world, they would have a glorious resurrection and a joyful meeting in the paradise of God.

JOBE HARRAL, *Clerk.* S. D. JOHNSTON, *Moderator.*

NAMES AND ADDRESS OF MINISTERS ORDAINED.

CHAMP C. CONNER, Hernando.
JAMES DENNIS, Hernando.
THOMAS J. VEASEY, Hernando.
T. P. MANNING, Hernando.
B. B. BUCHANON, Hernando.
W. WOOTEN, Chulahoma.
J. L. BROWN, Arcabutla.
JOHN CHEEK, Friar's Point.
C. B. YOUNG, Sardis.
J. M. RODGERS, Olive Branch.
W. A. ANTHONY, Watson.
E. D. MILLER, Holly Springs.
JOHN HARRIS, Wall Hill.
W. L. COOPWOOD, Olive Branch.
M. H. RENFRO, Arcabutla.
E. B. EAKIN, Luxahoma.

LICENTIATES.

N. L. WILSON, Byhalia.
M. J. VAIDEN, Halifax.
M. WILSON, Wall Hill.
J. RICHARDSON, Tyro.
LEWIS BELL, Centre Hill.
T. W. WILSON, Byhalia.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	MINISTERS TO CHURCHES.	DAYS OF MEETING.	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismiss'd by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Association'l Fund
1. Hernando	DeSoto	Hernando	Jobe Harral, C. C. Conner,* James Dennis, S. D. Johnston, C. A. Blackmon.	C. C. Conner.	2d & 4th Sab.	4	4		5	1		145	5 00
2. Chulahoma	Marshall	Chulahoma	W. Wooten, B. Sugg, J. L. Mabrey, W. J. Berryman	E. D. Miller.	4th Sabbath.		2		6			100	3 00
3. Philadelphia	Marshall	Wall Hill	John Harris, J. J. Milam, Moses Echols.	John Harris.	2d Sabbath.		10	1	2	2	2	53	3 00
4. Pleasant Grove	Marshall	Holly Springs	T. H. Smith, W. S Taylor, R. A. Moore.	E. D. Miller.	2d Sabbath.	2	3		7			67	2 75
5. Holly Springs	Marshall	Holly Springs	E. D. Miller, R. S. Greer,* W. Wallace.*	E. D. Miller.	3d Sabbath.	3	2		1		1	43	1 50
6. Nonconnah	Shelby, Tenn.	Memphis	James Johnston, W. B. Garey.	M. Lyon.	2d Sabbath.		1		1			54	1 75
7. Eudora	DeSoto	Hernando	B. B. Buchanon, J. D. Nichols, W. T. Sanders.*	T. P. Manning.	3d Sabbath.							12	
8. Liberty Hill	Marshall	Watson	L. W. Benson,* J. D. Kilgrove, J. W. Sumner.	W. A. Anthony.	4th Sabbath.	26	4		2			69	2 00
9. Fair View	DeSoto	Luxahoma	E. B. Eakin, A. T. Mitchell.	M. H. Renfro.	1st Sabbath.		4		1			21	2 00
10. Liberty	DeSoto	Horn Lake	T. P. Manning, M. Halliburton,* Jesse Harral, Jr.	T. P. Manning.	1st Sabbath.				7		1	43	2 00
11. Lebanon	Panola	Sardis	G. C. Robinson, A. Lowe,* W. Bishop,* D Jones.	C. B. Young.	1st Sabbath.	8	15		13			168	3 00
12. North Mt. Zion	Marshall	North Mt. Pleasant	J. B. Canada,* Wm. Petty, Francis Gurdy.	J. B. Canada.	3d Sabbath.	10		3	1	1		76	1 40
13. Carolina	DeSoto	Senatobia	A. Paslay, W. A. Hill, A. Blackbourn.	T. J. Veasey.	3d Sabbath.	18	1			1	1	69	1 50
14. State Line	DeSoto	Olive Branch	W. L. Coopwood, W. S. Burton, Robert Payne.	J. M. Rodgers.	4th Sabbath.		2					42	2 00
15. Center Hill	DeSoto	Centre Hill	R. Wilson, A. H. Bell, A. M. Haraway.	M. Lyon.	3d Sabbath.	1	1			1		78	5 00
16. Cold Water	Marshall	Oak Grove	J. M. Rodgers, J. H. Harris, F. Mosely, P. A. Bouland	John Harris.	1st Sabbath.	1	4		8	4	2	143	4 00
17. County Line	Marshall	Tyro	J. Barnett,* W. O. Mabrey,* C. Forte, W. Haines.	John Harris.	4th Sabbath.				5	2	2	101	5 00
18. Bethel	DeSoto	Elm Grove	M. E. Jackson, G. L. Scott, M. A. Thornton.	C. B. Young.	2d Sabbath.	1	4		5	1	2	84	4 25
19. Union	Panola	Pleasant Mount	C. B. Young, W. A. Jones,* R. C. Balch, J. Hays.	C. B. Young.	4th Sabbath.	5	3	1	7	6	1	124	5 00
20. Salem	DeSoto	Senatobia	J. G. Jackson, E. Garrett, M. Garrett.	T. J. Veasey.	2d Sabbath.	12	8		4	1		80	2 00
21. Corinth	DeSoto	Byhalia	Wilson Durram, J. F. Switzer, N. L. Wilson.	J. M. Rodgers.	2d & 3d Sab.	6	7		4			80	3 00
22. Mt. Zion	DeSoto	Flewellen's X Roads	John Maxville, J. Q. Sandidge, W. Battle.*	John Harris.	1st Sabbath.		7		7	2		94	3 00
23. Hopewell	DeSoto	Arcabutla	John L. Brown, M. H. Renfro, J. Scott.*	J. L. Brown.	4th Sabbath.	9	6	1	4	1		48	1 50
24. New Hope	DeSoto	Cockrum	A. Lee, I. C. Droke, P. White.	J. M. Rodgers.	3d Sabbath.	20	1		15		3	90	4 00
25. Clear Creek	Marshall	Lamar	Thos. Puryear,* E. D. Slayden.	J. B. Canada.	1st Sabbath.	12	6	1	1			55	1 10
26. Beech Grove	DeSoto	Hernando	James F. Walker, James H. Norris.*	J. Dennis.	3d Sabbath.	2	8					29	1 25
27. N. Mt. Pleasant	Marshall	North Mt. Pleasant	P. P. Slayden.		3d Sabbath.		1					18	1 00
28. Oak Grove	DeSoto	Hernando	D. Whitley—no letter. No. members last year.	T. J. Veasey.	1st Sabbath.							54	
29. McIver's Creek	Panola	Panola	Not represented. No. members last year.		4th Sabbath.							97	
30. Sunflower	Coahoma	Shufordville	Not represented. No. members in 1858.									86	
31. Peach Creek	Panola	Peach Creek	Not represented. No. members in 1859.									42	
32. Good Hope	Coahoma	Friar's Point	Not represented for several years.										
33. Moon Lake	Coahoma	Friar's Point	Not represented. No. members in 1858.									50	
34. Pleasant Hill	DeSoto	Senatobia	Not represented for a number of years.										
						140	104	7	106	23	15	2315	71 00

*Absentees.

Cold Water Baptist Female Seminary,

CHULAHOMA,

MARSHALL COUNTY, MISS.

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MINUTES

OF

THE TWENTIETH SESSION

OF THE

Cold Water Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH,

PANOLA COUNTY, MISS.,

October 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st, 1861.

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Of the Twentieth Session of the Cold Water Baptist Association, held with Union Baptist Church, Panola County, Miss., October 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st, 1861.

According to appointment, the delegates representing the several churches composing the Cold Water Baptist Association, met with the Union Baptist Church, Panola county, Mississippi, on Friday, October 18th, 1861.

Elder E. D. Miller, the appointee, being absent, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder James Dennis. Text: The 3d chapter and latter clause of 7th verse of John — "Ye must be born again."

A hymn was then sung, benediction pronounced by Elder Jas. Dennis, and a recess of one hour taken for refreshments.

AFTERNOON.

Re-assembled at the appointed time.

A hymn was then sung, and the body engaged in prayer, led by Elder W. A. Anthony.

In the absence of the former Moderator (Bro. S. D. Johnson) Elder James Dennis was chosen Moderator pro tem.

Letters from the churches were then called for, read, and delegates' names enrolled. Brethren Samuel Matthews and W. I. Berryman performed the duties of reading clerks. (Delegates' names may be seen in the statistical table.)

The Association was then constitutionally organized by the election of Elder James Dennis as Moderator, and Bro. W. Ovid Mabry as Clerk.

The Moderator elect, upon taking his seat, briefly and appropriately addressed the body, and announced it ready for regular business.

Called for petitionary letters, whereupon one was received and read from Ekron church.

The Association satisfied of her orthodoxy. On motion, she was admitted to membership, the right hand of fellowship extended to her delegate, Elder W. A. Anthony, by the Moderator, and invited to all the privileges of the body.

On motion, visiting brethren of the ministry were invited to seats and participation in the deliberations.

The following committees were appointed:

On Arrangement of Preaching: The pastor, Eld. C. B. Young, and deacons of Union church.

On the Order of Business: Brethren R. T. Saunders, T. H. Smith and John Q. Sandidge.

On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added.

A motion to adjourn to 9 o'clock, Saturday morning, having prevailed, a hymn was sung, prayer by Elder T. J. Veasy and benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Met at the appointed hour. The exercises were opened with a hymn of praise, and prayer by Elder M. H. Renfro.

Called for report on the order of business. The committee, through its chairman, Bro. R. T. Sanders, reported the following, which was adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Committee on the Arrangement of Business for the action of the Association, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. Call the names of delegates and mark absentees.
2. Read Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the Association.
3. Call for messengers from corresponding bodies.
4. Call for reports of messengers appointed to corresponding bodies.
5. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.
6. Appoint a Financial Committee.
7. Appoint an Obituary Committee.
8. Call for report of Associational School.
9. Notice the request of Philadelphia Church.
10. Call for report of Committee to revise the Constitution of the Association.
11. Call for reports of Standing Committees.
12. Appoint an Executive Board.
13. Call for pledges for Domestic Missions.
14. Call for report of Executive Board.
15. Call for report of former Clerk on Correspondence with Rev. H. F. Buckner.
16. Call for Treasurer's report.
17. Appoint a Treasurer.
18. Call for reports of General Superintendent of Sabbath Schools.
19. Appoint a Committee to write Corresponding Letter.
20. Appoint Standing Committees.
21. Call for report of Obituary Committee.
22. Call for report of Committee to write Corresponding Letter.
23. Appoint a place for next Association.
24. Appoint a minister to preach the Introductory Sermon.
25. Appoint a minister to preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock on Sabbath of next Association.
26. Call for Resolutions.

R. T. SANDERS, *Chairman.*

Called the names of delegates and marked absentees.

On motion, the reading of the Constitution was passed over until the committee appointed to revise the same report.

The Rules of Decorum were read.

Called for correspondence from corresponding bodies. No response.

Called for reports of messengers appointed to corresponding bodies.

To the General Association of North Mississippi, attendance was reported by the Moderator and Bro. T. H. Smith.

To Chickasaw Association, no attendance.

To Big Hatchie Association, no attendance.

To Yallobusha Association, no attendance.

To Panola Association, attendance reported by Brother T. H. Smith.

To the Baptist State Convention, no attendance.

Proceeded to appoint messengers to corresponding bodies, when on motion, correspondence was discontinued with the Baptist State Convention, with Yallobusha Association, and suspended with the General Association of North Mississippi.

Renewed the call for correspondence; whereupon, a letter was received and read from Chickasaw Association, and Bro. W. L. Reynolds, the bearer and messenger, recognized and cordially invited to the customary privileges of the Association.

Elder J. J. Sawyer was recognized as messenger from the General Association of North Mississippi, and invited to the same privileges.

APPOINTMENTS TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To Chickasaw Association—Elder W. A. Anthony, brethren T. H. Smith, R. A. Moore and Moses Echols were appointed. Association to meet with the Academy Babtist Church, Tippah county, Miss., eight miles south of Ripley, Friday before the third Lord's day in September, 1862.

To Big Hatchie Association—Elders Moderator, W. A. Anthony, R. S. Hurt, T. J. Veasy, brethren J. Harral and A. Pasley appointed. Association to meet with Prosperity Church, eleven miles north of Memphis, Tenn., on the Memphis and Ohio Railroad, Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September, 1862.

To Panola Association—Elders T. J. Veasy, M. H. Renfro, C. B. Young, W. L. Coopwood, brethren A. Pasley, J. Harral, R. T. Sanders, W. I. Berryman, J. G. Jackson, T. H. Smith and J. Castleberry were appointed. Association to meet with Antioch Church, seven miles south of Panola town, three miles from Pope's station, Miss. and Tenn. Railroad, Friday before the second Lord's day in October, 1862.

Appointed brethren T. H. Smith, A. Pasley and J. D. Farley Financial Committee.

Called for representation from unrepresented churches, when a letter was received and read from Corinth Church, and delegates' names enrolled.

Appointed brother J. Harral, Elders M. H. Renfro and R. S. Hurt, Obituary Committee.

Called for report of Associational School. Elder W. A. Anthony reported. Report, received and the accompanying resolution being amended, both were adopted. (Appendix A.)

The request of Philadelphia Church was then entertained. On motion, the report of the committee that aided in the settlement of the difficulty between it and the Liberty Hill Church was read by the chairman, brother J. Harral, and after some discussion it was adopted. (Appendix B.)

The Moderator, chairman of the committee to revise the Constitution of the Association, reported — brother J. Harral presiding. The articles of the Constitution, and those in the report, offered as a substitute, were then singly and alternately read, and the sense of the Association taken separately on each article of the substitute. The 5th, 9th and 11th articles having been slightly amended, on motion, the substitute was adopted in whole as the Constitution of the Cold Water Baptist Association.

Resolved, That the Constitution be appended to the Minutes. (Appendix C.)

On motion, suspended the order of business, when the following resolution, offered by brother R. T. Saunders, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association spend a half hour this evening, immediately after refreshments, and one hour on Sabbath morning, commencing at nine o'clock, and a half hour each morning, as long as the Association shall be in session, for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon the Southern people in their present war with the unholy fanaticism and mad folly of the North, and especially for God's preserving care of those who have gone from amongst us in defense of our homes, firesides and all we hold dear on earth.

Adjourned an hour for refreshments.

Evening Session.

Met according to adjournment.

Spent a half hour or more in solemn devotional exercises. Feeling and pertinent remarks to the occasion were made by the Moderator; hymns of praise were sung, and sincere and fervent thanksgivings and prayers were offered by brethren W. L. Reynolds and Jobe Harral to Almighty God for his manifest aid to our suffering and bleeding country, imploring the continuance of the same, the forgiveness of our individual and national sins, the outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon the churches of our Association, upon our country at large, and especially upon our civil and military rulers and soldiers, and that success and victory might still attend our arms and perch upon our banners until we achieve over our enemy for our Southern country, independence, liberty and life.

Resumed business.

Reports of Standing Committees were called for. Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Report received and adopted. (Appendix D.)

The Moderator, to report on Ministerial Education, having no report, was execused.

Committee on Bible Cause being absent, no report was made.

Committee on Religious Instruction of Colored Population reported. Report, with the resolutions, received and adopted. (Appendix E.)

Committee on Temperance absent. No report.

Committee on Indian Missions absent. No report.

Committee on Home Missions absent. No report.

On motion, extended the invitation again to visiting brethren in the ministry. Accepted by Elder J. J. Sledge, who, presenting a copy of the minutes of Panola Association, was recognized as her messenger, and invited to the usual privileges,

The following resolution was offered by brother Jobe Harral, and adopted.

Resolved, That in consequence of the state of our country, we dispense with the Home Missions until the present war shall close, and that we dissolve our Executive Board after it shall have reported its proceedings of last year.

Called for report of Executive Board. Not ready. Time given till Monday.

Called for report of former Clerk on Correspondence with Elder H. F. Buckner.

Brother Harral made a verbal report and read a letter of correspondence from him, (Elder H. F. B.)

His report was received, correspondence ordered to be discontinued, and the project of employing a native Missionary among the Chickasaw Indians, at the expense of the Association, abandoned for the present.

Treasurer reported. Report received and adopted. (Appendix F.)

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Elder J. J. Sledge; benediction by the Moderator.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met according to adjournment—Moderator and Clerk present. The exercises were opened by singing a hymn and prayer by the Moderator.

Delegates' names were called.

The minutes of Friday and Saturday were read and approved.

In accordance with the resolution on special devotional exercise, the Association then engaged and spent a half hour in such.

Appropriate national hymns were sung, and fervent prayers were offered by Elders W. L. Coopwood and C. B. Young.

Appointed the Clerk as Treasurer of the Association for the next associational year.

The Moderator, appointed General Superintendent of Sabbath Schools at the last Association, and to report on that subject, stated that circumstances over which he had no control had been of such a character as to entirely prevent him from doing anything in that department. He was excused.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, and after some deeply interesting remarks by Brother R. T. Sanders on the importance of the Sabbath School enterprise, Elder C. B. Young was appointed General Superintendent of that department, and authorized to appoint three assistants, one in each Associational District, excepting the one of his locality.

Regular business resumed.

Brother R. T. Sanders was appointed a committee to write Corresponding Letter.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to write on the following subjects:

On Foreign Missions.—Brother R. T. Sanders.
On Ministerial Education.—Brother W. I. Berryman.
On Home Missions.—Elder C. B. Young.
On Bible Cause.—Elder R. S. Hurt.
On Religious Instruction of Colored Population.—Brother T. H. Smith.
On Temperance.—Brother C. A. Blackmon.
On Indian Missions.—Elder T. J. Veasey.
On Sabbath Schools.—Brother Jobe Harral.

Brother J. W. Sumner reported for the Executive Board, and also for our Domestic Missionary, Elder N. L. Wilson. Reports received and adopted. (Appendix G and H.)

Resolved, That the Peach Creek Church be released from the payment of its Domestic Mission pledge, in consideration of pecuniary loss—the burning of its house of worship.

Committee on Finance reported. Report received and adopted. (Appendix I.)

Called for report of Obituary Committee. Committee stated no deaths reported to it.

Called for report of Committee on Correspondence. Committee reported. Report received and adopted. (Appendix J.)

Appointed the next session of the Association with the Salem Church, DeSoto county, Mississippi, eight miles west of Senatobia Depot, usual time, Friday before the third Sabbath in October, 1862.

The Moderator was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, and requested to preach upon the call, qualifications and duties of the ministry.

On motion, dispensed with the appointment of a minister to preach the Missionary Sermon at eleven o'clock on Sabbath.

Resolved, That the public collection on Sabbath be equally appropriated to the Home Mission and Associational Fund.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

By Brother R. T. Sanders:

Resolved. That a series of resolutions adopted at the last session of our Association, in relation to the Bible Union and Bible Revision Association, be suspended for the present, and the following resolution adopted in place thereof:

Resolved, That we respectfully recommend to the churches and members individually, composing our Association, the discontinuance of all contributions to the above-named objects, until the difficulties between the Confederate and Federal Governments shall be settled, and the North shall have acknowledged our independence, and amicable relations established between the two nations.

Resolved, That we request all the churches of our Association to meet the last Thursday in November next, for the purpose of fasting and prayer, that God in mercy would bless our arms and cause peace again to be established in our land.

By Brother Jobe Harral:

Resolved, That the clerk be authorized to collect the unpaid pledges for Home Missions, and after paying off our Domestic Missionary, appropriate so much of the Home Mission fund as may be needed with the Associational fund in payment for printing the Minutes.

Resolved, That the clerk have eight hundred copies of the Minutes printed; that he deposit them in the Memphis post-office in packages for the churches, to be sent to their several post-offices, to the care of their respective clerks; that he pay the postage on the same, and that he be allowed the sum of thirty dollars for his services.

By Brother T. H. Smith:

Resolved, That we instruct our clerk to arrange in a table the churches belonging to each respective district of our Association.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to our Moderator and Clerk for the able and impartial manner in which they have discharged their respective duties during the present session of this body.

Resolved, That this body tender to Union Church and the citizens in her vicinity generally, their heartfelt thanks for the kind hospitality extended to it, to our messengers and visitors during its session.

The Minutes of Monday were read and approved.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed, Salem Church, DeSoto county, Mississippi, eight miles west of Senatobia Depot, Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad, Friday before the third Sabbath in October, 1862.

The Moderator having appropriately addressed the body, an appropriate hymn was sung, during which the parting hand in christian love and affection was given, while many seemed to real-

ize to some extent the consolation of the happy thought of ultimately entering that "building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," where the Supreme Architect of the universe presides, and where no parting hand is given.

Long will the twentieth session of the Cold Water Baptist Association be pleasantly remembered for the constantly prevailing harmony and for the fraternal charity and christian affection that marked and characterized it throughout its entire deliberations.

W. OVID MABRY, *Clerk.* JAMES DENNIS, *Moderator.*

EXERCISES ON SABBATH.

At nine o'clock the house was densely filled. An hour, in accordance with the resolution of the Association, was spent in special devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator, which were solemn and impressive.

At eleven o'clock Elder James J. Sledge preached in the house (filled) to an intelligent and orderly congregation, a very able and interesting sermon. Text: 12th chapter of Hebrews, 28th verse—"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and godly fear."

At the same hour Elder T. J. Veasey preached at the stand, in the grove, a very acceptable discourse, to quite a respectable and attentive audience. Text: 33d chapter of Ezekiel, 11th verse—"Say unto them, as I live saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked," etc.

After preaching, a public collection was taken up, amounting to $30 35.

The congregation having partaken of refreshments, amply furnished for all, re-assembled again for preaching in the house and at the stand. Elder J. J. Sawyer preached in the house, and Elder M. H. Renfro preached at the stand. Both discourses were interesting and instructive. Theme of the former, death, temporal, and final destiny of man; of the latter, salvation of man. Text: 16th chapter of Acts, latter clause of 30th verse—"What must I do to be saved?"

Elder R. S. Hurt preached at the stand at eleven o'clock on Saturday, and Elder W. A. Anthony preached on Monday at the same place and hour.

APPENDIX.

(APPENDIX A.)

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE BAPTIST FEMALE SEMINARY.

The Trustees of the Cold Water Baptist Female Seminary make the following report:

The examination at the close of the year was well attended, and the pupils acquitted themselves with credit to their instructors. Parents and guardians seemed well pleased with the exercises. We deeply regret to inform your body that the Principal of the Institution has withdrawn from us, and as yet we have made no arrangements to fill his place — prefering to leave this matter to the wisdom of the Association, and ask advice upon this subject. We would suggest to the Association that the house property will suffer loss from its present situation, and we ask the Association to appoint three of the Trustees of your body a committee to sell all the house furniture. The times are favorable for this, as a great many of the articles will be needed for the army. Confederate bonds will be taken in payment. Besides, it is known that the agent of the Institution is bound individually for the payment of the whole debt of the Institution, having executed his bond as agent aforesaid, and we feel it due to him that he be released. The monetary crisis has prevented the collection of subscriptions heretofore made. In conclusion we submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That Moses Echols, J. L. Mabry and Jasper Jones be appointed a special committe to sell upon a credit of twelve months, with ten per cent interest from date of sale, all the house furniture belonging or anywise appertaining to the Coldwater Baptist Seminary, take bonds for the sale, and collect in any available currency, and report to Wm. A. Anthony, President, to the next Association.

(APPENDIX B.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO PHILADELPHIA AND LIBERTY HILL CHURCHES.

Your Committee, appointed by the last session of the Cold Water Association, to assist in reconciling an unhappy difficulty that exists between Philadelphia and Liberty Hill Churches, and accepted by all parties concerned, beg leave to say: That after a careful investigation of all the facts in the premises, they are of

the opinion that Philadelphia Church could not have done otherwise than exclude brethren Sumner and Wilson, in consequence of expressions emanating from them, severely reflecting on the Church and offensive to her dignity, and their refusal to retract the same. And although Liberty Hill Church may have deemed that there were extenuating circumstances connected with her reception of those excluded members, yet as she failed to give notice to the Philadelphia Church of her intention to receive them, and carefully investigate the circumstances of their exclusion from said Church, we are of the opinion that she departed from Baptist usage, and that it is her duty to rescind her act of reception. And further, that it is the duty of brethren Sumner and Wilson to make a proper acknowledgement to the Philadelphia Church for their offensive language, and in such case, it will be the duty of the Philadelphia Church to receive those members again into her fellowship, and, if they desire it, to give them letters of dismission.

Your Committee would also say, that although they by no means justify or excuse brethren Sumner and Wilson in the use of the offensive language used by them in regard to the Philadelphia Church, and no proof before them that the members of Philadelphia Church are antimissionary, yet her retension of a Pastor, after her knowledge of his antimissionary tendencies, may have given to the Liberty Hill Church good ground for supposing that Philadelphia was antimissionary, and caused her to feel justified in receiving those expelled members into her fellowship. Yet her action in the premises was not in accordance with the usages of the Baptist denomination, and we should advise her to take such action as before recommended.

JOBE HARRAL, *Chairman*,
AUSTIN PASLEY,
J. L. NORMAN.

(APPENDIX C.)

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This Association shall be called the Cold Water Baptist Association, which shall meet annually.

2. Every church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three representatives until the number exceeds fifty members, and for every additional fifty members one more representative, and no church shall be represented except by members of its own body.

3. The delegates representing churches shall at the opening of the Associatian, present their letters of correspondence, which must state their appointment as delegates, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excluded and dead during the year.

4. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves at one Association, will be expected to state the reason thereof at the

next meeting; and if any church thus fail at two successive meetings, the Association may consider it dropped from its number, or may send a committee to inquire into the cause of such failure.

5. Other churches expressing to our satisfaction their approval of our articles of faith, and their willingness to walk in fellowship with us, may be admitted into this union, by signifying their desire to do so by delegates and letters.

6. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, so soon as letters from the churches are read, and the delegates names enrolled; and the votes of a majority of the members present shall be necessary to a choice.

7. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules, or institute proceedings, that shall infringe upon the independence or rights of churches, but it may when requested by a church in its letter of correspondence, and not otherwise, give advice to such body, and it may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

8. This Association shall have a fund for its expenses, and it shall appoint one or more persons to take charge of such funds, as churches or individuals may contribute through this body for any evangelical object, and forward the same as they may be designated, and report to the next associational meeting.

9. This Association may correspond by letter and messengers with the Baptist State Convention of this State, and General Association of North Mississippi, as well as with other representative bodies of our denomination.

10. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rise; and no session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it shall have finished its buisiness.

11. This Association shall not receive any query which shall have a tendency to disturb the harmony of the body.

12. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

(APPENDIX D.)

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions ask leave to make the following report:

Of the countless millions inhabiting the earth, but a small proportion have the benefit of the pure gospel. Deprived of this they sink into superstition, idolatry and ignorance; the worship of idols instead of the God of creation. To remedy this, a Board of Foreign Missions has, we hope, been wisely created for the spread of the Gospel, and Missionaries have been sent to foreign lands, carrying with them the bread of Heaven and the water of Life; making every sacrifice of physical and mental powers, and often

endangering their own and the lives of their wives and children to effect this great and noble purpose. If we examine this subject carefully as regards the amount of labor performed, lives sacrificed and money spent, we might stop in dismay and ask what good has been accomplished by this enterprise? I would say much, every way. In Africa good has resulted to the inhabitants of Yaruba and other places; many of the Karens have been made to rejoice in the means of grace, and the hope of glory set before them in the Gospel. Hongkong and other Chinese provinces have been instructed, and seed sown that may sprout and bring forth fruit unto eternal life. Added to this the weight of moral and self-denying habits exhibited by our Missionaries, testify to the heathens themselves that the hand of God is in this enterprise.

Perhaps out of the vast amount of the earth's inhabitants, not more than three millions profess vital Christianity. Of this number the Baptists, as a denomination, number about one million, whilst Pedo-Baptist denominations make up the quota of so called Christian churches or reformers.

This comparison of numbers shows that but a remnant will be saved, while the multitude will be lost. And on whom will rest the responsibility? If on us, who have the pure Gospel, and profess to be the children of God and ministers of His Word, great is our responsibility, and we should be warned to be at our posts and use every effort to spread the Gospel.

The present year has been one of gloom and carnage; our energies have been paralyzed; our funds have been needed for the defense of our homes and our common country; yet amid this gloom let us not despond, and while we make provision for those around us and for the defense of our country, let us also provide for the stranger, that he too may be blessed with the truths of the Gospel. Let us learn to economise, in order that we may be better prepared to give freely, as the Lord has bountifully bestowed on us the means. Then shall we see His kingdom come and His will done upon the earth. The reports of our Foreign Missionaries are cheering, and we pray God to prosper them.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. ANTHONY.

(APPENDIX E.)

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF COLORED POPULATION.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Religious Instruction of the Colored Population, offer for your consideration the following report:

This is a subject that should claim our special attention, and prompt action. While we are sending off our hundreds and thousands of dollars to evangelize the people of China, Burmah and Africa—all of which have claims upon our christian benevolence—and while we are contributing our means to enlighten and christian-

ize the dark portions of our own country and of our own Association, we have too much neglected that portion of our community. The position they occupy, and the relation they sustain to us, bring us under the strongest obligations to attend to their spiritual instruction. Can we consistently, with a sense of our obligation to them, take of their hard earnings, and send missionaries to other people, and not appropriate at least a part to their spiritual benefit? They are ignorant and superstitious, and may be said to be the heathen in our midst, and notwithstanding they are in this land of bibles, yet they are not permitted to learn to read them; hence upon us rests the responsibility of their religious instruction. Our interest in every possible view of the case demands that we adopt and carry out the most efficient plans and means for giving such instruction as will best prepare them for the duties of this life; prepare them to live religiously and happily; prepare them to serve God here, that they may dwell with Him in heaven forever.

In view of these, and many other considerations that might be given, your Committee would respectfully urge the adoption of the following resolotions:

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches composing this Association, that they procure the preaching of at least one sermon per month for the special benefit of the colored population in the bounds of each of their respective congregations.

Resolved, That we recommend each of our churches, that have not suitable apartments to their houses of worship for the accommodation of the blacks, to make such preparation, so that they can hear preaching that may be intended principally for the whites.

C. B. YOUNG.

(APPENDIX R.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1860.

JOBE HARRAL, *Treasurer, to Cold Water Baptist Association:*

		Dr.	
Oct. 20.—Cash public collection for General Association	$	83 05	
Oct. 21.—Cash public collection on Sabbath		52 70	
Oct. 22.—Cash of Financial Committee for Domestic Missions		387 50	
Oct. 22.—Cash of Financial Committee for Minutes		76 00	
			$599 25

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Oct. 22.—Cash paid A. H. Boothe by order of Association	$	29 10	
Oct. 22.—Cash paid J. W. Sumner, President of Executive Board, his order		318 75	
Nov. 2.—Cash paid General Association, through Elder J. Dennis		83 05	
Nov. 17.—Cash paid W. M. Hutton & Co. for eight hundred copies Minutes		60 00	
Nov. 17.—Clerk's Fee		20 00	
Dec. 18.—Cash paid J. J. Milam, President Executive Board, his order		92 35	
			$603 25
To balance due Treasurer			$ 4 00

Respectfully submitted. JOBE HARRAL.

(APPENDIX G.)

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Board respectfully present for your consideration this their annual report:

The Board, at the last session of your body, upon its organization, secured the ministerial services of our beloved brother, Elder N. L. Wilson, to ride as missionary within the bounds of the Association for the present year, commencing on the first of March: his domestic duties not allowing him to commence his labors at an earlier period. For his services in the field we promised him four hundred dollars. We have reason to believe that he has been faithful and assiduous in the discharge of the duties assigned him, and have received and adopted his annual report, which we herewith present, and request it to be spread upon your Minutes. We have paid your missionary $92 35 in cash and given him an order on your Treasurer for $307 65, amounting to $400.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. SUMNER,
Ch'm Executive Board.

(APPENDIX H.)

THE MISSIONARY'S REPORT TO THE BOARD.

BRETHREN: Your missionary, appointed at the meeting of the Board at Mt. Zion Church, Saturday before the third Sabbath in December, 1860, whose labors were to commence on the first of March following, submits for your consideration the following report:

I have traveled fourteen hundred and eighty-three miles, preached fifty-six sermons, delivered fifteen exhortations, assisted in organizing one church, ordained one deacon, and baptized twelve candidates for church membership. Owing to the condition of our country politically, seeing we are engaged in a fearful war — one without a precedent in the history of our country — from the beginning of my labors to the present the all-absorbing theme has been war, with both Church and State. In the absence of advice from the Board, I have been reduced to the necessity of preaching on Sabbaths to a great degree, as my appointments were in neighborhoods where there were no churches or Baptist preaching. At such places, in these times, a congregation could not be had in the week. I have preached statedly at DeSoto Front, DeSoto county; Rocky Hill, Marshall county; Perry Church, DeSoto county; Cup's Church, DeSoto county; and at Robinson's ⋊ Roads a part of the time. My labors commenced on the first of March and closed on the second Sabbath in October. Brethren, under the circumstances, I have done the best I could. My humble prayer is that the blessing of God attend my poor, feeble efforts in the ingathering of souls to the Great Redeemer's kingdom. May the Lord grant it. Amen.

Respectfully submitted.

N. L. WILSON.

(APPENDIX I.)

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance offer the following report:

Received for Domestic Missions.....$229 75
Received for printing Minutes..... 62 30—$292 05

T. H. SMITH,
A. PASLEY,
J. D. FARLEY, Comm.

(APPENDIX J.)

CORRESPONDING LETTER

Of Cold Water Baptist Association to all the bodies with whom she corresponds.

DEAR BRETHREN: In the providence of God we have been permitted again to meet in an associational capacity. While some of our churches are in a cold condition, yet others have been favored with glorious revivals, and many members have been added to our numbers. Peace and harmony generally prevail amongst our churches. Many of our members have gone into the army to fight the battles of our beloved South. We request you to unite with us at a throne of grace for their preservation and safe return to their homes and firesides, and not only for them, but for all who have taken their lives in their hands and gone to meet the dangers of the tented field.

The next session of our Association will be held at the Salem Church, DeSoto county, Mississippi, eight miles west of Senatobia Depot, Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad, Friday before the third Lord's day in October, 1862.

We solicit a continuance of your correspondence. Several of our churches were not represented in this session, but from those represented we gather and report the following statistics:

During the past associational year baptised 114; received by letter, 77; restored, 2; dismissed by letter, 123; excluded, 19; died, 18. Total number about 2,300. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

OCTOBER 21st, 1861. R. T. SANDERS, *Committee.*

To those Churches and Individual Subscribers in arrears for Domestic Missions for the year 1861.

DEAR BRETHREN: Not having been furnished with a list of those churches, and the names of individual subscribers in arrears for Domestic Missions for 1861, by our lately deceased and lamented brother, J. W. Sumner, Chairman of your Executive Board, nor the Finance Committee, I am thus necessarily compelled to make this public call upon you, respectfully requesting you to forward your respective amounts to me, appointed at the last session of the Cold Water Baptist Association to receive and disburse the same, at your earliest convenience, as the money is needed in paying off our Domestic Missionary, Brother N. L. Wilson. My post-office is at Tyro, Marshall county, Mississippi.

NOVEMBER 1st, 1861. W. OVID MABRY.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	MINISTERS TO CHURCHES.	DAY OF MEETING.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored.	Dism'ed by Let.	Excluded	Dead.	Total No.	Associat'l Fund.
Hernando	Desoto	Hernando	J. Dennis, J. Harral, R. T. Sanders, W. I. Berryman, *S. D. Johnson	M. Lyon	2d & 4th	20	5	0	7	2	2	159	$ 5 00
Bethel	Desoto	Elm Grove	J. H. Jackson, G. L. Scott, M. E. Jackson.	C. B. Young	2d Sab.	7	0	0	1	2	1	99	4 00
Liberty	Desoto	Horn Lake	Not represented—Letter sent.	T. P. Manning	1st Sab.	1	2		1	1	0	76	2 00
Nonconnah, Tenn	Shelby	Memphis	Not represented. Number of members last year.	M. Lyon	1st Sab.	0	4					54	
Oak Grove	Desoto	Hernando	T. J. Veazey, J. D. Whitley, *W. P. Dabney.	M. H. Renfroe		4	7		3	1		62	2 25
Hopewell	Desoto	Arkabutla	M. H. Renfroe, *J. L. Brown, *J. W. Smith.	J. Dennis	3d Sab.			0	0	0	1	56	1 50
Endora	Desoto	Hernando	Not represented.									33	1 00
Beech Grove	Desoto	Hernando	*J. H. Solomon, J. H. Norris, J. D. Perry.	J. Harris	1st Sab.	0	4	0	5	1		43	
Holly Springs	Marshall	Holly Springs	Not represented. Number of members last year.	J. M. Rogers	2d Sab.	1	1		13	1		78	
Centre Hill	Desoto	Centre Hill	Not represented. Number of members last year.	W. L. Coopwood	1st Sab.	0	0		1	1	0	146	4 00
Cold Water	Desoto	Oak Grove	A. M. Dodson, F. Moseley, J. L. Harris, H. C. Anthony.	J. B. Canada	1st Sab.	7	3	0	4	0	0	63	3 00
Corinth	Marshall	Byhalia	Letter—no Delegate.	E. D. Miller	2d Sab.	0	2	0	3	0	0	33	1 50
State Line	Desoto	Olive Branch	W. L. Coopwood, R. S. Flinn, *G. W. Pace.	W. A. Anthony	3d Sab.	1			7		1	65	1 00
Clear Creek	Marshall	Lamar	Letter—no Delegates.	W. A. Anthony	1st Sab.							67	3 05
Pleasant Grove	Marshall	Holly Springs	T. H. Smith, R. A. Moore, *J. L. Norman.									42	1 50
Liberty Hill	Marshall	Watson	J. W. Sumner, L. W. Benson, A. J. Cole.	E. D. Miller	4th Sab.	1	2	0	6	2	4	91	3 00
Ekron	Marshall	Byhalia	W. A. Anthony, *T. V. Brady. (newly constituted.)	J. Harris	4th Sab.	0	2	0	1	2	3	102	5 00
N. Mt. Zion	Marshall	N. Mt. Pleasant	Not represented.	C. B. Young	2d Sab.	4	2	0	3	0	1	55	3 00
Chulahoma	Marshall	Chulahoma	B. Sugg, *W. Wooten, *J. L. Mabry.	J. Harris	4th Sab.	11	7	2	3	2	1	140	5 00
County Line	Marshall	Tyro	*J. Harris, R. S. Hurt, Moses Echols.	J. M. Rogers	3d Sab.	0	3		5	0		95	2 50
Philadelphia	Marshall	Wall Hill	C. B. Young, J. W. Lipsey, J. Hays, R. S. Young.		3d Sab.	0	1	0	12	2	1	87	2 00
Union	Panola	Sardis	J. Q. Sandidge, B. R. Chambliss, J. C. Callicott.									21	
Mt. Zion	Desoto	Flewellen's X R.	J. D. Drake, J. A. C. Stephens, J. Richardson.	T. J. Veazey	2d Sab.	18	6	0	1	0	0	103	2 00
New Hope	Desoto	Cockrum	Not represented. Number of members last year.	M. H. Renfroe	4th Sab.	10	11	0	13	0	0	57	1 50
Fair View	Desoto	Looxahoma	Not represented for several years.	C. B. Young	3d Sab.	1	2	0		2	2	79	2 50
Plea'sant Hill	Desoto	Senatobia	J. G. Jackson, J. W. Echols, *A. O. Askew, R. Everhart.	T. J. Veazey	1st Sab.		7		32			141	3 00
Salem	Desoto	Senatobia	G. Parnell, W. C. Maxwell, John Gates.		3d Sab.	28	6	0	2	0	1	100	1 00
Peach Creek	Panola	Peach Creek	C. H. Farley, D. B. Killebrew, L. P. Cooper.									86	
McIver's Creek	Panola	Panola	J. D. Farley, D. R. Wall, G. C. Robertson.									50	
Labanon	Panola	Sardis	A. Pasley, A. Blackburn, J. Matthews, W. A. Hill.										
Carolina	Desoto	Come	Not represented for several years. Number of members in 1858.										
Sunflower	Coahoma	Shufordville	Not represented for several years.										
Good Hope	Coahoma	Friar's Point	Not represented for several years.										
Moon Lake	Coahoma	Friar's Point											
N. Mt Pls'nt dis'd.						114	77	2	123	19	18	2285	$62 30

*Absentees.

NOTE.—Some of the Churches failed to give their Post Offices and regular days of meeting in their letters, consequently I had to rely on former minutes.—CLERK.

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James Dennis James
Baker Centre Hill
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TABLE OF MINISTERS,

WITH THEIR POST-OFFICES.

ORDAINED.

JAMES DENNIS	
B. B. BUCHANAN	Hernando.
T. J. VEASEY	Hernando.
T. P. MANNING	Hernando.
W. WOOTEN	Hernando.
M. H. RENFRO	Chulahoma.
J. L. BROWN	Arcabutla.
JOHN CHEEK	Arcabutla.
N. L. WILSON	Friar's Point.
C. B. YOUNG	Byhalia.
J. M. ROGERS	Sardis.
W. L. COOPWOOD	Olive Branch.
JOHN HARRIS	Olive Branch.
R. S. HUNT	Wall Hill.
E. D. MILLER	Wall Hill.
W. A. ANTHONY	Holly Springs.
E. B. EAKIN	Watson.

LICENTIATES.

L. WILSON	Wall Hill.
M. J. VAIDEN	Halifax.
T. W. WILSON	Byhalia.
J. RICHARDSON	Cockrum.
LEWIS BELL	Center Hill.
J. W. LIPSEY	Sardis.

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